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REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT ORAL CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MPA REBUTTAL WITNESS COHEN (MPA-RT-1) (March 17, 1998)

The Postal Service hereby requests leave to conduct oral cross-examination of MPA witness Cohen on her rebuttal testimony regarding mail processing cost distribution. Focus may include "basic function" in the IOCS, the relationships among mail processing operations, proper interpretation of "not-handling" costs, and allied operations' workloads.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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